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1. The military forces of the Leskoviki area total 300 men. Units of this force are quartered in the villages of Tsiartsiova and Rodova. Of this force 200 soldiers left for the Skrapari area to pursue nationalist guerrillas who had made an attack against the military forces of the area.
2. The special battalion which was in Leskoviki was transported to Devoli, being replaced by 3 Battalion of 8 Brigade.
3. There are three cannons, nine anti-tank machine guns and two anti-aircraft guns in the village of Tsiartsiova, in addition to other Soviet war material.
4. Of the soldiers who were quartered at the village of Tsiartsiova, 15 deserted and joined the nationalist guerrillas. The same thing has occurred in other military units, where the soldiers desert and go over to the guerrillas.
5. Frequently lectures are held in each military unit. The soldiers are told that they should defend the fatherland from the Yugoslavs and the Greeks, who are preparing to attack them.
6. Yugoslavia has concentrated many military forces on the Albanian-Yugoslav border.
7. A battalion of the Tirana Brigade has arrived in the area of Argyrocastron, because foreign guerrilla groups have appeared in that area. The Albanian Government ascribes the appearance of the guerrillas to the change of policy of Yugoslavia.
8. On 20 November 1948 an unidentified Soviet ship loaded with clothing arrived from the Soviet Union at the port of Durres.

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